(e) whether that Hon'ble Minister has recorded any opinion that the present Civil Surgeon of the Mattancheri Women's Hospital should not be given charge of any hotpital when she was in charge of some other hospital other than this present one ?

Minister for Finance and Revenue **(Sri. A. J. John):**

(a) Government have not received any representations. But the nurses have sent a petition to the Surgeon General stating that the cook attached to their quarters is not arranging proper and timely diet, that she is insubordinate and that she is making use of the services of relatives of patients for work in the kitchen.

(b) The matter has been enquired into by the Superintendent, General Hospital, Ernakulam. No report has been snbmitted to Government.

(c) It was not found necessary.

(d) Yes.

(e) There is nothing in record.

Question posted for answer on 26—10—50

PROPERTY TAX

***1140.** [27] **Sri. N. V. Chacko:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Local Self Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the City Corporation of Trivandrum for the first time assessed all the educational institutions in the city with retrospective effect from the first half of M. E. 1121 for property tax at very prohibitive rates ;

(b) whether representations were made to the Corporation and to the Government to exempt educational institutions from property tax ,

(c) whether the Government would be pleased to consider the representations favourably ;

(d) whether the rental values of educational buildings are fixed arbitrarily by the assessing officers ;

(e) whether outside Travancore-Cochin State, the educational institutions are not exempt from property tax ?

Minister for Industries, Excise and Local Self Government **(Sri. N. Kunjuraman):**

(a) Government are awere that the Corporation assessed all educational institutions in the City to property tax with retrospective effect from the first half of 1121. The rates of tax levied are not prohibitive.

(b) Yes.

(c(The representation will be suitably considered and decided on.

(d) No.

(e) There is no information whether educational institutions in the Municipalities outside the State are exempt from the payment of property tax. But in the Corporation of Madras, educational institutions are not exempted from the payment of property tax.

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(എ) സൌരാഷ്ട്ര യൂണിയനിൽ കൂടിയേറിപ്പാർക്കുവാനും കൃഷിചെയ്യുവാനും വേണ്ട സൌകര്യങ്ങൾ അവിടത്തെ ഗവൺമെണ്ട് ചെയ്യുവാൻ തയാറാണെന്ന വാർത്ത ഇവിടത്തെ ദിനപത്രങ്ങൾ ഈയിടെ പ്രസിദ്ധപ്പെടുത്തിയിരുന്നതു ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

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